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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **UNITED STATES ATTORNEY ANTHONY JENKINS ANNOUNCES GANG AWARENESS SUMMIT IN THE VIRGIN ISLANDS**

United States Attorney Anthony J. Jenkins announced today the convening of a "gang summit" in the Virgin Islands in September.

On May 2, 2006 in Denver, Colorado, United States Attorney General Alberto Gonzalez announced that the United States Department of Justice will be undertaking a nationwide effort to address the issues of gangs and gang-related violence. As part of this effort, each United States Attorney was tasked to convene a "Gang Summit" to address such issues within each respective District.

The United States Attorney for the District of the Virgin Islands will convene the Virgin Islands Gang Awareness Summit on September 19, 2006 beginning at 8:30 am at the Marriot Frenchman's Reef Resort. This one-day event will bring experts on gang issues together with Governmental leaders, Community Leaders and members of the Community together to understand, evaluate and discuss strategies in dealing with gang issues. It is anticipated that this Summit will be a spring board for the Community

to unite in future discussion and strategy meetings.

Admission to the Summit is free for all, but it is requested that you register yourself or your group with the Law Enforcement Coordinator for the U S Attorney's Office in St Thomas prior to the Summit. Please contact Wesley Hand, the U.S. Attorney's Law Enforcement Coordinating Specialist, at 340-774-5757 x240 or [wesley.hand@usdoj.gov](mailto:wesley.hand@usdoj.gov) for further information and registration information.